# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

Referral Judge: Altman, Kimberly G. Assign. Date : 2/7/2023 11:40 AM

Case: 2:23-cv-10317 Assigned To: Cox, Sean F.

Description: CMP COATES V. AT&T INC (DA)

Jury Trial: ☐ Yes

(check one)

v.

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

**Complaint for Employment Discrimination** 

# I. The Parties to This Complaint

# A. The Plaintiff(s)

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Provide the information beloadditional pages if needed.	ow for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach
Name	NWAYNE L. Coates
Street Address	8434 W. Parkway
City and County	Rodford Township Wayne County
State and Zip Code	
Telephone Number	313.261.6678
E-mail Address	DCogtes 00706mail.com
The Defendant(s)	
defendant is an individual, a	w for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the government agency, an organization, or a corporation. include the person's job or title (if known). Attach
Defendant No. 1	A
Name	ATT
Job or Title	N/A
(if known)	21125571 1 10
Street Address	24235 Telegraph RD
City and County	Southfield, Oakland County
State and Zip Code	MI 48033
Telephone Number	N/A
E-mail Address (if known)	N/A
Defendant No. 2	
Name	
Job or Title	
(if known)	
Street Address	
City and County	
State and Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address	

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Defendant No. 3	
Name	
Job or Title	
(if known)	
Street Address	
City and County	
State and Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address	
(if known)	
Defendant No. 4	
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Job or Title	
(if known)	
Street Address	
City and County	
State and Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address (if known)	
Place of Employment	
The address at which I sough	nt employment or was employed by the defendant(s) is
Name	ATT
Street Address	24255 Telegraph RD
City and County	Southfield Oakland County
State and Zip Code	MI 48033
Telephone Number	N/A

# II. Basis for Jurisdiction

action is	brought for discrimination in employment pursuant to (check all that apply):
	Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e to 2000e-17 (race, color, gender, religion, national origin).
	(Note: In order to bring suit in federal district court under Title VII, you must first obtain a Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)
	Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as codified, 29 U.S.C. §§ 62 to 634.
	(Note: In order to bring suit in federal district court under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, you must first file a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)
IZ/	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12112 to 12117.
	(Note: In order to bring suit in federal district court under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you must first obtain a Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)
<b>☑</b>	Other federal law (specify the federal law): Refaliaton
	Relevant state law (specify, if known):
	Relevant city or county law (specify, if known):

#### III. **Statement of Claim**

apply):

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Failure to hire me.

A.

Write a short and plain statement of the claim. Do not make legal arguments. State as briefly as possible the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the damages or other relief sought. State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that caused the plaintiff harm or violated the plaintiff's rights, including the dates and places of that involvement or conduct. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

The discriminatory conduct of which I complain in this action includes (check all that

	图	Termination of my employment. Failure to promote me. Failure to accommodate my disability. Unequal terms and conditions of my employment. Retaliation. Other acts (specify):
	Emp	e: Only those grounds raised in the charge filed with the Equal loyment Opportunity Commission can be considered by the federal district t under the federal employment discrimination statutes.)
(B.)	It is my best	recollection that the alleged discriminatory acts occurred on date(s)
C.	I believe tha	t defendant(s) (check one):
		is/are still committing these acts against me.
	· <b>27</b>	is/are not still committing these acts against me.
D.	Defendant(s)	) discriminated against me based on my (check all that apply and explain):
		race
		color
		gender/sex
		religion
		national origin
		age. My year of birth is (Give your year of birth only if you are asserting a claim of age discrimination.)
	<b>E</b>	disability or perceived disability (specify disability)  ADHO, speech = mpedmont and anique

#### IV. Exhaustion of Federal Administrative Remedies

A. It is my best recollection that I filed a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or my Equal Employment Opportunity counselor regarding the defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct on (date)

B. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (check one):

has not issued a Notice of Right to Sue letter.

issued a Notice of Right to Sue letter, which I received on (date)

(Note: Attach a copy of the Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to this complaint.)

C. Only litigants alleging age discrimination must answer this question.

Since filing my charge of age discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regarding the defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct (check one):

- ☐ 60 days or more have elapsed.
- less than 60 days have elapsed.

# V. Relief

State briefly and precisely what damages or other relief the plaintiff asks the court to order. Do not make legal arguments. Include any basis for claiming that the wrongs alleged are continuing at the present time. Include the amounts of any actual damages claimed for the acts alleged and the basis for these amounts. Include any punitive or exemplary damages claimed, the amounts, and the reasons you claim you are entitled to actual or punitive money damages. Attach additional pages if needed.

# VI. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

# A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-
related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address of
related papers may be served. I understand that the papers may be served. I understand that the papers may be served.
file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

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E. The facts of my case are as follows. Attach additional pages if needed.

(Note: As additional support for the facts of your claim, you may attach to this complaint a copy of your charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the charge filed with the relevant state or city human rights division.)

## E. The facts of my case are as follows,

1. FAILURE TO ACCOMMODATE MY DISABILITY (failed interactive process) In July 2018 I requested time off due to my mental state, using my FLMA. I requested this time off from my manager Mike Cowell. I didn't receive the Interactive process (which allows all employees to be heard fairly), he directed me in his own terms and didn't follow any job protocol (The interactive process). He mishandled me, he allowed me to leave. I went to my Doctor, Dr. Millman and he stated that I could get time off due to my mental health issue. My Doctor filled out my paperwork (FLMA) that is required through my job for time requested. I was unable to exercise my FLMA request through the job and insurance approval. However, I did exercise it through my doctor only.

**Facts 2.** <u>RETALIATION</u> (Using FLMA through doctors) They retaliated against me after returning from being off, using my FLMA that my doctor approved.

- I noticed immediate negative treatment from the managers during a meeting that took place soon as I returned. They claimed I kissed another man (a male manager). They didn't think I was fit to perform anything on the job anymore after my return. They gave me ran down equipment that barely worked.
- They slandered my name. In their eyes I became a gay male with a disability. I was even labeled a rat master because I was bitten by a rat on one of my jobs.
- After the meeting I noticed a uptick in write ups from my manager Mike Cowell

#### 3. TERMINATION OF MY EMPLOYMENT

Early March of 2019 I received a final warning from my manager Mike Cowell. He stated that I had to go a full year without any more incidents that leads to termination. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 My manager Mike Cowell called me into his office regarding a job I had with a customer, saying I didn't properly ground the customer house in the inside. Upon investigation, the job type didn't require me to enter into the customers home. It was an outside job on my behalf, the inside is where the problem took place which was not my responsibility nor did I enter the home at any point. It was also verified from the next employee that it was not my fault. After my manager Mike Cowell learned I wasn't responsible for that issue, he became highly infuriated with the facts that cleared my name. My manager Mike Cowell immediately escorted me from the premises with two union reps present. Before leaving I wanted to make sure that Mike words was true to leave and it was.

I went to the EEOC, they dismissed my case. They dismissed my case without investigating while being disabled with ADHD. A Neurological defect, affecting how I concentrate, think, etc. I also suffer from anxiety. I wasn't giving the ability to follow through on the basis of "A right to sue action". After all the reports I've given the EEOC. I was hoping the EEOC would help. I found a worker's comp to help me. After a year and a half, I went to the justice department for help, they redirect me to the EEOC. The EEOC took my case again, the employer AT&T failed the position statement. My previous employer AT&T asked me to come back to work, I was very uncomfortable and distraught. My manager Kicked me out and tried to hide the fact that he kicked me out. The bottom is the manager didn't document

anything on the April  $8^{th}$  2019 that occurred to show I was kicked out, it is showing up like I'm still employed with them, when in fact I'm not.

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**Additional Information:** 

## U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Detroit Field Office 477 Michigan Avenue, Room 865 Detroit, MI 48226 (313) 378-2470 Website: www.ecoc.gov

### **DETERMINATION AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

(This Notice replaces EEOC FORMS 161 & 161-A)

Issued On: 11/28/2022

**To:** Mr. Dwayne L. Coates 8434 West Park Way REDFORD, MI 48239 Charge No: 471-2020-04292

EEOC Representative and email:

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Federal Investigator adwya.saeed@eeoc.gov

#### DETERMINATION OF CHARGE

The EEOC issues the following determination: The EEOC will not proceed further with its investigation and makes no determination about whether further investigation would establish violations of the statute. This does not mean the claims have no merit. This determination does not certify that the respondent is in compliance with the statutes. The EEOC makes no finding as to the merits of any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge.

#### NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHT TO SUE

This is official notice from the EEOC of the dismissal of your charge and of your right to sue. If you choose to file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) on this charge under federal law in federal or state court, your lawsuit must be filed WITHIN 90 DAYS of your receipt of this notice. Receipt generally occurs on the date that you (or your representative) view this document. You should keep a record of the date you received this notice. Your right to sue based on this charge will be lost if you do not file a lawsuit in court within 90 days. (The time limit for filing a lawsuit based on a claim under state law may be different.)

If you file a lawsuit based on this charge, please sign-in to the EEOC Public Portal and upload the court complaint to charge 471-2020-04292.

On behalf of the Commission,

Digitally Signed By Michelle Eisele 11/28/2022

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You may request the charge file up to 90 days after receiving this Notice of Right to Sue. After the 90 days have passed, you may request the charge file only if you have filed a lawsuit in court and provide a copy of the court complaint to EEOC.

For more information on submitting FOIA Requests and Section 83 Requests, go to: <a href="https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/foia/index.cfm">https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/foia/index.cfm</a>.

### NOTICE OF RIGHTS UNDER THE ADA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008 (ADAAA)

The ADA was amended, effective January 1, 2009, to broaden the definitions of disability to make it easier for individuals to be covered under the ADA/ADAAA. A disability is still defined as (1) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (actual disability); (2) a record of a substantially limiting impairment; or (3) being regarded as having a disability. However, these terms are redefined, and it is easier to be covered under the new law.

If you plan to retain an attorney to assist you with your ADA claim, we recommend that you share this information with your attorney and suggest that he or she consult the amended regulations and appendix, and other ADA related publications, available at: http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/disability\_regulations.cfm.

#### "Actual" disability or a "record of" a disability

If you are pursuing a failure to accommodate claim you must meet the standards for either "actual" or "record of" a disability:

- The limitations from the impairment no longer must be severe or significant for the impairment to be considered substantially limiting.
- In addition to activities such as performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, thinking, concentrating, reading, bending, and communicating (more examples at 29 C.F.R. § 1630.2(i)), "major life activities" now include the operation of major bodily functions, such as: functions of the immune system, special sense organs and skin; normal cell growth; and digestive, genitourinary, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, cardiovascular, endocrine, hemic, lymphatic, musculoskeletal, and reproductive functions; or the operation of an individual organ within a body system.
- Only one major life activity need be substantially limited.
- \*Except for ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses, the beneficial effects of "mitigating measures" (e.g., hearing aid, prosthesis, medication, therapy, behavioral modifications) are not considered in determining if the impairment substantially limits a major life activity.
- An impairment that is "episodic" (e.g., epilepsy, depression, multiple sclerosis) or "in remission" (e.g., cancer) is a disability if it would be substantially limiting when active.
- An impairment may be substantially limiting even though it lasts or is expected to last fewer than six months.

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# INFORMATION RELATED TO FILING SUIT UNDER THE LAWS ENFORCED BY THE EEOC

(This information relates to filing suit in Federal or State court under Federal law. If you also plan to sue claiming violations of State law, please be aware that time limits may be shorter and other provisions of State law may be different than those described below.)

#### IMPORTANT TIME LIMITS - 90 DAYS TO FILE A LAWSUIT

If you choose to file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) named in the charge of discrimination, you must file a complaint in court within 90 days of the date you receive this Notice. Receipt generally means the date when you (or your representative) opened this email or mail. You should keep a record of the date you received this notice. Once this 90-day period has passed, your right to sue based on the charge referred to in this Notice will be lost. If you intend to consult an attorney, you should do so promptly. Give your attorney a copy of this Notice, and the record of your receiving it (email or envelope).

If your lawsuit includes a claim under the Equal Pay Act (EPA), you must file your complaint in court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the date you did not receive equal pay. This time limit for filing an EPA lawsuit is separate from the 90-day filing period under Title VII, the ADA, GINA or the ADEA referred to above. Therefore, if you also plan to sue under Title VII, the ADA, GINA or the ADEA, in addition to suing on the EPA claim, your lawsuit must be filed within 90 days of this Notice and within the 2- or 3-year EPA period.

Your lawsuit may be filed in U.S. District Court or a State court of competent jurisdiction. Whether you file in Federal or State court is a matter for you to decide after talking to your attorney. You must file a "complaint" that contains a short statement of the facts of your case which shows that you are entitled to relief. Filing this Notice is not enough. For more information about filing a lawsuit, go to https://www.eeoc.gov/employees/lawsuit.cfm.

#### ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION

For information about locating an attorney to represent you, go to: https://www.eeoc.gov/employees/lawsuit.cfm.

In very limited circumstances, a U.S. District Court may appoint an attorney to represent individuals who demonstrate that they are financially unable to afford an attorney.

#### HOW TO REQUEST YOUR CHARGE FILE AND 90-DAY TIME LIMIT FOR REQUESTS

There are two ways to request a charge file: 1) a FOIA Request or 2) a Section 83 request. You may request your charge file under either or both procedures. EEOC can generally respond to Section 83 requests more promptly than FOIA requests.

Since a lawsuit must be filed within 90 days of this notice, please submit your request for the charge file promptly to allow sufficient time for EEOC to respond and for your review. Submit a signed written request stating it is a "FOIA Request" or a "Section 83 Request" for Charge Number 471-2020-04292 to the District Director at Michelle Eisele, 1010 West Ohio St Suite 1900

Indianapolis, IN 46204.

You can also make a FOIA request online at <a href="https://eeoc.arkcase.com/foia/portal/login">https://eeoc.arkcase.com/foia/portal/login</a>.

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#### "Regarded as" coverage

An individual can meet the definition of disability if an employment action was taken because of an actual or perceived impairment (e.g., refusal to hire, demotion, placement on involuntary leave, termination, exclusion for failure to meet a qualification standard, harassment, or denial of any other term, condition, or privilege of employment).

- "Regarded as" coverage under the ADAAA no longer requires that an impairment be substantially limiting, or that the employer perceives the impairment to be substantially limiting.
- The employer has a defense against a "regarded as" claim only when the impairment at issue is objectively **both** transitory (lasting or expected to last six months or less) and minor.
- A person is not able to bring a failure to accommodate claim if the individual is covered only under the "regarded as" definition of "disability".

Note: Although the amended ADA states that the definition of disability "shall be construed broadly" and "should not demand extensive analysis," some courts require specificity in the complaint explaining how an impairment substantially limits a major life activity or what facts indicate the challenged employment action was because of the impairment. Beyond the initial pleading stage, some courts will require specific evidence to establish disability. For moreinformation, consult the amended regulations and appendix, as well as explanatory publications, available at <a href="http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/disability-regulations.cfm">http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/disability-regulations.cfm</a>.

Cc: CAROLYN LAVALAIS AT&T 308 S AKARD ST RM 1720 Dallas, TX 75202

AMY WENTZ LITTLER MENDELSON 127 PUBLIC SQ STE 1600 Cleveland, OH 44114

Please retain this notice for your records.

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